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In re application of: WINTER et al.
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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December 18, 2003

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed August 25, 2003, for which the period for response has been extended one month, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

An **Appendix** is attached following the signature page of this paper.